

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 6259**

LCO No. 5406

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOUNDARIES OF REGIONAL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 32-741 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 (a) In order to coordinate, implement and promote responsible
4 economic growth and activities in this state, any of the following
5 entities may, after approval by the Commissioner of Economic and
6 Community Development, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
7 Management and the Assistant Secretary of Economic Development of
8 the United States Department of Commerce, either individually or in
9 conjunction with one or more other such entities, establish a regional
10 economic development district for the purposes of sections 8-35a, 16a-
11 27, 32-1o and 32-742 to 32-745, inclusive: (1) A regional economic
12 development commission formed under section 7-137; (2) any
13 organization that has a strategy that would meet the requirements of
14 section 32-742 and has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of
15 Economic Development of the United States Department of
16 Commerce; (3) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under
17 Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent
18 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended

19 from time to time; (4) another regional economic development
20 commission or corporation formed under any other provision of the
21 general statutes or any special act; or (5) a regional [planning
22 organization] council of governments, as defined in section 4-124i. The
23 entity or entities establishing a regional economic development district
24 shall provide for a board of directors of the district. Not more than
25 [eight] nine regional economic development districts shall be
26 established pursuant to this subsection.

27 (b) The boundaries of such districts shall encompass one or more
28 planning regions, designated or redesignated pursuant to section 16a-
29 4a. [, or, to the extent practicable, be contiguous with boundaries of
30 former county government regions. Each regional economic
31 development district established pursuant to this section shall comply
32 with the distress requirement provisions of 13 CFR 301.3(a)(1).]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	32-741